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FLN'S PEUPLE TODAY REPORTED FROM PARIS BEIRUT STORIES DETAILING ALLEGED FRENCH MISSILE ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL PER REFTEL. STORY QUOTED "CIRCLES FOLLOWING HELOU VISIT" AS WONDERING WHAT WAS ORIGIN AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF "THESE REVELATIONS WHICH ALL PAPERS PUBLISHED ON SAME DAY WITHOUT CITING SOURCE." STORY SAID FRENCH ARMAMENTS MINISTRY HAD REFUSED COMMENT AND GOF HAD NOT REACTED IN ANY WAY WHILE HELOU HIMSELF SEEMED UNPERTURBED. FLN'S ASH-SHAAB REPORTS SAME DETAILS BUT ALSO QUOTES BEIRUT PRESS (AU JOUR AND AL JARIDA) AS SUGGESTING FRENCH ARMS AID TO LEBANON TO BE NEGOTIATED DURING HELOU VISIT.

IMPLICATION BOTH PAPERS IS THAT EFFORTS BEING MADE TORPEDO FRENCH-ARAB RAPPROCHEMENT. NO SUGGESTION OF ANY CONNECTION WITH DECEMBER 1964 STORY OR OF ALGERIAN CONCERN AS TO FRENCH INTENTIONS.

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